

Subpart J—Delegation Option Authorization Procedures

SOURCE: Amdt. 21-5, 30 FR 11375, Sept. 8, 1965, unless otherwise noted.

§ 21.231 Applicability.

This subpart prescribes procedures for—

(a) Obtaining and using a delegation option authorization for type, production, and airworthiness certification (as applicable) of—

- (1) Small airplanes and small gliders;
- (2) Commuter category airplanes;
- (3) Normal category rotorcraft;
- (4) Turbojet engines of not more than 1,000 pounds thrust;

(5) Turbopropeller and reciprocating engines of not more than 500 brake horsepower; and

(6) Propellers manufactured for use on engines covered by paragraph (a)(4) of this section; and

(b) Issuing airworthiness approval tags for engines, propellers, and parts of products covered by paragraph (a) of this section.

[Amdt. 21-5, 30 FR 11375, Sept. 8, 1965, as amended by Amdt. 21-59, 52 FR 1836, Jan. 15, 1987]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By Amdt. 21-92, 74 FR 53390, Oct. 16, 2009, § 21.231(a)(6) was amended by removing the words “paragraph (a)(4)” and adding in their place the words “paragraph (a)(5)”, effective Apr. 14, 2010. The effective date of this amendment was subsequently postponed to Apr. 16, 2011 at 75 FR 9095, Mar. 1, 2010.

§ 21.235 Application.

(a) An application for a Delegation Option Authorization must be submitted, in a form and manner prescribed by the Administrator, to the Aircraft Certification Office for the area in which the manufacturer is located.

(b) An application must include the names, signatures, and titles of the persons for whom authorization to sign airworthiness certificates, repair and alterations forms, and inspection forms is requested.

(c) After November 14, 2006, the Administrator will no longer accept applications for a Delegation Option Authorization.

(d) After November 14, 2009, no person may perform any function contained in a Delegation Option Authorization issued under this subpart.

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§ 21.239 Eligibility.

To be eligible for a delegation option authorization, the applicant must—

(a) Hold a current type certificate, issued to him under the standard procedures, for a product type certificated under the same part as the products for which the delegation option authorization is sought;

(b) Hold a current production certificate issued under the standard procedures;

(c) Employ a staff of engineering, flight test, production and inspection personnel who can determine compliance with the applicable airworthiness requirements of this chapter; and

(d) Meet the requirements of this subpart.

§ 21.243 Duration.

A delegation option authorization is effective until it is surrendered or the Administrator suspends, revokes, or otherwise terminates it.

§ 21.245 Maintenance of eligibility.

The holder of a delegation option authorization shall continue to meet the requirements for issue of the authorization or shall notify the Administrator within 48 hours of any change (including a change of personnel) that could affect the ability of the holder to meet those requirements.

§ 21.247 Transferability.

A delegation option authorization is not transferable.

§ 21.249 Inspections.

Upon request, each holder of a delegation option authorization and each applicant shall let the Administrator inspect his organization, facilities, product, and records.

§ 21.251 Limits of applicability.

(a) Delegation option authorizations apply only to products that are manufactured by the holder of the authorization.